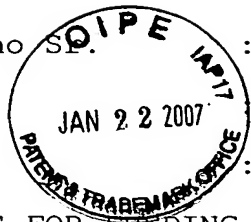


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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
 Alexandria, VA 22313

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are an Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

X A fee for additional claims is not required.  
 \_\_\_ A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS:	10	-	20	=	0	x \$50 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS:	3	-	3	=	0	x \$200 =	0
TOTAL FEE DUE							\$ 0

\_\_\_ Our check in the amount of \$ . for payment of the fee for a one-month extension of time is enclosed.

\_\_\_ Please charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-3195 in payment of the fee.

X The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any extension or other fee under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-3195.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the non-final action mailed on October 13, 2006, the Applicant requests that the claims be amended as indicated starting on page 2 and that this application be reconsidered in light of the arguments set forth starting on page 5.

This response was due on January 13, 2007, which fell on a Saturday. Since Monday, January 15, 2007 was a Federal holiday, mailing of this response today (January 16) is timely and no extension of time is needed.

An Information Disclosure Statement, accompanied by a Form PTO-892 listing references being cited by the Applicant, are submitted herewith. These references were previously cited by the Applicant, but not considered by the Examiner.